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CUNNINGHAM MAKING PLANS TO DRILL BIG WELL

Work Will be Commenced in October or November

Expects to Develop not Less Than Five Hundred Gallons a Minute

A well which will irrigate eighty acres of land and will be very valuable indeed for demonstration work, will be put in operation in November on the Burney ranch. This place was bought in the latter part of April by Chas. A. Cunningham, a consulting and constructing engineer of Santa Fe. Mr. Cunningham arrived Sunday morning and remained until Wednesday evening, looking over his place and making preliminary plans and arrangements for general improvement work.

There is an eight inch drilled well ninety feet in depth on the place now. The well opens up the second stratum of water, but has never been developed. Mr. Cunningham had a conference with one of the firm of Brooks Bros., but did not make a contract. He said that very likely the contract would be given to this firm, when he returns in October to get the work under way. When drilling is commenced, the well will be carried to the third stratum of water, probably to a depth of 186 feet. The well will be at least 12 inches, and more likely 16 inches. Mr. Cunningham was in El Paso Tuesday and had a conference with Krakauer, Zork and Moye, who will furnish the complete well outfit.

The water in the well now rises to within 20 feet of the surface, and if a good flow is found in the

third stratum, the maximum lift ought not to exceed 45 feet. There is a windmill pump now in the well, but it is not lifting enough water to furnish an idea as to the amount of water supply.

When Mr. Cunningham returns in October, the work will be rushed along as rapidly as possible, and should be ready for exhaustive tests in November. He hopes to develop at least 500 gallons a minute, and the prospects are good for even more water.

As soon as the well is in operation the remainder of the land will be put in cultivation. There are now about one thousand fruit trees on the ranch, but for the next year or so, alfalfa will be the principal crop. Mr. Cunningham's development work on this place will be watched with a vast deal of interest, for the reason that he is an engineer who has had the widest experience in this kind of work. He has been compelled to delay the beginning of the work here because he is now engaged as supervising engineer on the Scottish Rite cathedral which is now under construction at Santa Fe.

When this well is proved successful, the practicability of pumping for irrigation will be assured for the great sweep of valley lying to the west of Alamogordo. By reason of its nearness to town, it is ideally located for a demonstration farm.

GIST OF GAME LAWS OF NEW MEXICO

Opening and Closing Dates of the Seasons

FILE FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

Buy License and Then Observe These Dates

Deer with horns—With gun only; October 1 to November 15 of each year. Limit: one deer to each person, in each season.

Wild turkey—With gun only; November 1 to January 15, of each year. Limit: four in possession at one time.

Grouse—With gun only; September 1 to November 15, of each year. Limit: six in possession at one time.

Native or crested Messina California or helmet quail—With gun only; November 1 to January 31, of each year. Limit: thirty in possession at one time.

Doves—With gun only; July 1 to September 30. Limit: thirty in possession at one time.

Ducks, snipes, curlew and plover—With gun only; September 1 to March 31, of each year. Limit: thirty in possession at one time.

Trout—All species; with rod, hook and line only, May 15 to October 15, of each year. Weight limit: 25 pounds in possession at one time; 15 pounds in one calendar day. Size limit: not less than six inches.

Bass—(large and small mouth)—With rod, hook and line only. Weight limit: 15 pounds in one calendar day. Size limit: seven inches.

Elk, mountain sheep, mountain goat, beaver and ptarmigan (or white grouse)—Killing, capturing or injuring prohibited at

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PUBLIC SCHOOLS OPEN SEPTEMBER NINTH

Classification Will be Done the Week Before

REGISTRATION OF PUPILS ASKED

Pupils Should Not Buy Books Until Classified

The Alamogordo public schools will open September ninth. All pupils should be classified before that time. It will be necessary to send for many of the high school books. Will classify the freshman and sophomore classes Friday morning, August 30, and juniors and seniors in the afternoon.

Monday, September 2, eighth grade in the morning and seventh grade in the afternoon.

Tuesday, September 3, sixth grade in the morning and fifth grade in the afternoon.

Wednesday, September 4, fourth grade in the morning and third grade in the afternoon.

Thursday, September 5, second grade in the morning and first grade in the afternoon.

Bring your report card, it is very necessary. A list of books will be furnished when the classification is made. Do not buy books until after you have been classified.

I will be in the high school building from 8 o'clock until 12, and from 2 o'clock until 4 each day beginning August 26.

Come and register, all pupils who will attend the Alamogordo schools for the first time.

Yours truly,

CHAS. D. GEORGE,
Superintendent.

Forty-one passengers from east Texas points passed through here Monday morning, enroute to Cloudercroft.

THREE PRISONERS MADE DARING ESCAPE FROM JAIL

Knocked out Jailer Latham When He Came in With Supper

Trail Followed for Miles but Finally Lost on Account Heavy Rain

The most carefully planned and daringly executed jail escape that has ever been effected in Otero county occurred Friday evening when three prisoners assaulted and overpowered Jim Latham, jailer, and took French leave of the county jail. The three prisoners were Harry Devore, Bert Kratz and Chas. Hargrave. All three were under arrest to await the action of the grand jury, the first charged with robbing the express office at Cloudercroft, the second with robbing the cash register at the Southwestern hotel at Alamogordo, the last named with the burning of Will Walthall's residence at Alamogordo.

In order to describe accurately how the escape was made, it is necessary to describe the layout: The jail proper, or cage, is built into the rear room of the second floor. The steel frame comprises four cells, two at each end, with a corridor some twelve feet square between, with the four cells opening into the corridor. The locks to the corridor and cells are operated automatically from levers enclosed in a steel case on the outside of the door leading into the corridor. The case enclosing the levers is kept locked. There is a run-around about four feet wide running around the four sides of the big steel cage. The floor of the room is of concrete, while the entire cage has floors of steel.

Mr. Latham went into the run-around at six o'clock to carry supper to the prisoners. The outer door was left unlocked. He set the tray on the floor just under the lever case and by the door of the cage. He unlocked the lever case, threw the lever and was just pulling open the door of the cage when the attack was made. Devore was standing near the further side of the cage and when the door was opened past the bolts, made a rush, throwing his weight against the door. Devore is over six feet in height, weighs about 180 pounds and is very powerful. Impelled by Devore's terrific lunge the door swung out, striking Mr. Latham across the left side of the face, from the cheek bone down across the mouth, and knocked him against the wall. Devore immediately grabbed Mr. Latham by the throat and threw him to the floor. The blow from the steel door stunned Mr. Latham, and when he began

to think clearly again, he was lying gagged, on his face, on the floor of the run-around, hands tied behind his back, and the three prisoners over him.

The prisoners then picked up Mr. Latham and carried him inside the cage, throwing him face down on the metal bunk frame in the first cell to the left. His hands were securely fastened behind his back with wire and his feet were fastened with wire and the wire then made fast to the frame of the bunk. An old soiled handkerchief was stuffed into his mouth, and two strips of rags were tied around his head to hold the gag in place. They then began to reconnoiter and mark time, awaiting developments. Miss Flossie Latham, daughter of the jailer, came up the stairway to the second floor just about seven o'clock. As she stepped into the living apartment at the head of the stairway, she was caught by Devore, who was hiding behind the door and carried into the cage.

After Miss Latham was carried into the cage, a council of war was held. Miss Latham had to decide between unlocking the front door and letting the prisoners escape, on the one hand or being tied and gagged. She very wisely elected to open the door and let them go. They made a search of the entire second floor, for fire arms, but found nothing. As soon as the prisoners left, just a little after seven o'clock, Miss Latham ran to the telephone and turned in the alarm.

A soon as the prisoners left, Mr. Latham succeeded in freeing his feet from the wire, and with the assistance of the fourth prisoner, a Mexican who was not implicated in the attack, removed the gag and the wire from his wrists and started the search.

The trail was followed to the north, to the upper end of the park, out toward La Luz, up the canon, but Saturday afternoon was lost in the High Rolls country on account of a heavy rain. A horse was stolen Monday night from C. A. Brown's pasture near here, and it is thought that possibly that was the work of one of the jail breakers. Henry Denney and Tom Tucker are now beyond Mayhill on the trail of the horse thief. Sheriff Hunter is over toward the Pecos Valley on the look-out, and other officers are still on the watch.

Art Rolland Appointed Postmaster at Carrizozo

President Taft has sent to the Senate the appointment of Art. J. Rolland to be postmaster at Carrizozo. It is expected that the senate will confirm the appointment without delay. Mr. Rolland was formerly in business here with his brother, F. C. Rolland, and is well known in Otero county. He is a member of the board of regents of the New Mexico Institute for the Blind.

Summer Rain

Happy-hearted children
Paddin' in the rain!
Older folks a watchin'
Through the window pane!
If I were a child like you,
I just know what I would do,
I would go right out there too,
Paddin' in the rain.
Summer rain makes some things
Start to grow again;
Makes a child of fifty
Feel like one of ten.
For right now it seems to me
IF I THOUGHT NO ONE WOULD SEE
With the children I would be,
Paddin' in the rain.
E. L. R.

PROGRESSIVE PRIMARIES

September 4 and Convention on September 7

The precinct primaries of the various precincts of Otero county will be held on Sept. 4, for the purpose of electing delegates to the county convention which will be held at 2 o'clock on the afternoon of Sept. 7 at the court house in Alamogordo.

The Alamogordo precinct primary will be held at 2 p. m., at the court house.

The county convention will be held for the purpose of electing delegates to the state convention at Albuquerque on Sept. 10, where there will be a candidate for Congress nominated and three presidential electors selected.

Otero county is allowed six delegates to the state convention.

The precincts of the county will be allowed delegates to the county convention as follows:

Alamogordo 21, La Luz 4, Tularosa 14, Three Rivers 4, Mesalero 4, High Rolls 3, Weed 3, Mayhill 2, Orogrande 5, Cloudercroft 4, Avis 1, Orange 1, Shamrock 1, Oasis 3.

Dr. and Mrs. E. D. McKinley are expected to return home about the first of September. They are visiting in Jacksonville, Ohio.

Woman's Rights are Being Recognized

Mrs. Anna Semro, of Chicago, perfectly clear as to her legal right to insult her husband, told him what she thought of him volubly and continuously, until he took to staying away from home. Then she had him arrested and brought into court where the judge affirmed the constitutionality of Mrs. Semro's right and ordered Semro to stay at home and pay her nine dollars a week for her opinions. Thus do the people rule.—Albuquerque Journal.

Fully Explained

"What is the republican party?" inquired the man who had applied for naturalization.

"The republican party," replied the citizen, "is an organization whose purpose is to preserve our democratic institutions."

"And what is the democratic party?"

"An organization whose object is to preserve the republic."

"And what is the 'bull moose' party?"

"A vigilance committee which thinks it can govern the country better than either the republican or democratic party."—X Y Z in F. & H.

Mrs. Jas. J. Hill and children returned Monday morning from San Antonio, where they have been visiting for several months. Mrs. A. Alanis returned with them for a visit.

BULL MOOSERS DECIDE TO STORM ALBUQUERQUE

Call is Issued for the State Convention for September 10

The executive committee of the progressive party of New Mexico has authorized a call for a state convention to be held at Albuquerque at two o'clock in the afternoon of September tenth. The call as issued is signed by M. A. Otero, chairman, and Geo. W. Prichard, secretary.

The purpose of the convention will be to nominate a candidate for Congress and to select three presidential electors.

In deciding upon the representation for the several counties, each county has been allowed twice the number of delegates that served in the first state convention of the party. In the precinct delegates, the county chairmen have been advised to allow one delegate for each ten votes cast for the republican candidate for congress in the general election of 1908.

All contests that may arise must be filed with the secretary 24 hours prior to the meeting of the convention. It is recommended that all credentials and proxies be delivered to the secretary

in the forenoon of the day of the convention.

The representation allowed to the several counties will be as follows:

Bernalillo	24
Chaves	9
Colfax	16
Curry	3
Dona Ana	12
Eddy	3
Graut	9
Guadalupe	10
Lincoln	8
Luna	2
McKinley	4
Mora	14
Otero	6
Quay	10
Rio Arriba	16
Roosevelt	9
Sandoval	9
San Juan	5
San Miguel	29
Santa Fe	16
Sierra	4
Socorro	16
Taos	12
Torrance	7
Union	13
Valencia	15